

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5592
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EXPENDITURE ON WALKIE TALKIE SETS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of walkie-talkie sets purchased by the Railways during the last three years and the companies from which they were purchased;
- (b) the expenditure incurred by the Government thereon, year- wise;
- (c) whether the Government have taken steps for the improvement of communication networks in the Railways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY (RAILWAYS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a): A total of 33414 nos. of walkie-talkie sets were purchased by the Railways during the last three years from the following companies :-

- i) M/s Motorola India Ltd.
- ii) M/s Simoco Telecom. Ltd.
- iii) M/s Transreceivers India Ltd.
- iv) M/s Sanchar Antenna & Communications Ltd.
- v) M/s Magnostar Telecom Pvt. Ltd.

(b): Expenditure incurred by the Government on purchase of Walkie-Talkie sets during the last three years is as under :-

- i) 1999-2000 - Rs. 18.86 crores
- ii) 2000-2001 Â Rs. 15.52 crores
- iii) 2001-2002 Â Rs. 10.69 crores.

(c): Yes Sir.

(d): Railways have taken steps to improve communication networks by provision of Optical Fibre Systems, Digital Microwave, Quad Cable, Electronic Exchanges, Mobile Train Radio Communication Systems etc. in addition to provision of walkie-talkie sets. The expenditure incurred on improving the communication network during the last three years is :-

- i) 1999-2000 Â Rs. 104.75 Crores
- ii) 2000-2001 Â Rs. 144.30 Crores
- iii) 2001-2002 Â Rs. 165.00 Crores (approx.).